

H.B. 171

DEATH CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS

Representative **Raymond P. Ward** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 11 through 13:*

11 This bill:

12 ▶ allows a health care professional to indicate on a death certificate that an immediate
13 cause of death is unknown {~~under certain circumstances~~} if the immediate cause of death is
unknown ;

2. *Page 1, Lines 18 through 21:*

18 cause of death is unknown on a death certificate; and
19 {~~→ allows the department to modify an immediate cause of death that is listed as
20 unknown on a death certificate; and~~}
21 ▶ makes technical changes.

3. *Page 3, Line 87 through Page 4, Line 98:*

87 (c) When completing the immediate cause of death section of a certificate of death, a
88 health care professional may indicate that the immediate cause of death is unknown if the immediate cause
of death is unknown. {~~if:~~
89 ~~— (i) the decedent died in a setting that did not have direct medical monitoring available;~~
90 and
91 ~~— (ii) the health care professional determines that the health care professional cannot~~
92 easily ascertain the cause of death.}
93 (d) The department shall create instructions for completing a certificate of death that
94 inform a health care professional that the health care professional may indicate that the
95 immediate cause of death is unknown in accordance with Subsection (5)(c).
96 {~~(e) The department may modify a response of unknown that is listed as an immediate
97 cause of death on a certificate of death with an equivalent diagnosis code, including natural
98 causes not otherwise specified.~~}